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Carthage, NC - In 2006, Moore County was awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Concentrated Needs from the N.C. Department of Commerce, Division of Community Assistance to serve the Addor Community. The grant provided funding to support the installation of public water and sewer lines to serve 16 homes, and housing rehabilitation improvements to serve 4 low income families in Addor. The Division of Community Assistance has Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds available for local government projects that enhance the viability of communities by providing suitable living environments and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income. The purpose of the Concentrated Needs Grant Program was to revitalize, through improvements, preservation or development, a residential area delineated by a distinct boundary formed from property lines, streets, or natural topographical features.

Moore County has been very successful with the CDBG funding and has focused on identifying areas with water, sewer and housing needs that are located in the neediest areas within the jurisdiction. There were other areas in the County; however, the Addor Community, based on door to door surveys and inspection by Environmental Health, proved to reflect the greatest and most severe need. The Addor Community is located just east of US Highway 1, and south of the Town of Pinebluff in southern Moore County.

Mr. Dennis Brobst, Director of Moore County Public Utilities provided oversight for the County's Addor CDBG grant, and the Moore County Planning Department was involved in the housing rehabilitation portion of the project. The County contracted with Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates, P.A. to provide engineering, design and grant administrative services for the project. Upon completion, the County expended \$120,000 in local funds and \$435,942 in CDBG grant funds, for a total project cost of \$555,942.

This worthy project for Moore County fits into the long range plan for countywide availability of water and sewer. As the County progresses with the establishment of water districts, there remains the goal of making the improvements affordable to all residents. Seeking grant funds for qualifying areas serves to increase the affordability to low income residents, not just in

Addor, but for all users of County water and sewer.

If you require additional information, please contact Eli Arroyo-Allen, Public Information Officer at 910-947-6363 or Laura Williams, Clerk to the Board at 910-947-6403.